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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

16 (Amended) An assay that is non-destructive of a sample being detected comprising the steps of:
[labeling said sample];
placing said [labeled] sample in a first chamber;
labeling said sample in said first chamber;
separating said first chamber from said second chamber with a permeable, detection-blocking membrane;

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